

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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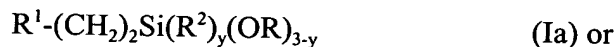
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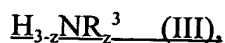
Please cancel Claims 40 and 42 and amend Claims 39 and 41 as follows:

--39. (Amended) A method of hydrophobizing and oleophobizing and for simultaneously providing a dirt- and color-repellent treatment of surfaces, of plastics, of metals, of textiles, leather, cellulose and starch products, and of mineral building materials, comprising:

preparing a fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition, which is essentially chlorine free, by the controlled hydrolysis of at least one fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosilane of formula Ia or Ib:



in which R^1 is a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated alkyl group having 1-9 C atoms or a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated aryl group, Y is a CH_2 , O or S group, R^2 and R are each independently a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group and $x = 0, 1$ or 2 and $y = 0, 1$ or 2 , where $(x+y) \leq 2$, at a temperature in the range of $0-120^\circ C$ over a period of 0.5-24 hours and with thorough mixing in an alcoholic medium which contains water and [(1) a weak mono- or polybasic acid or (2)] (1) a weak base or [(3)] (2) a weak mono- or polybasic acid and a weak base, wherein said weak base of (1) and (2) is an alkylamine of formula (III):



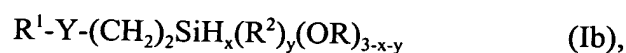
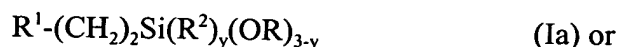
wherein R^3 is a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or a linear, branched

or cyclic aminoalkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group, z=1, 2 or 3 and groups R³ are identical or different or [(4)] (3) an acidic or basic salt, the water and alkoxysilane employed being in a molar ratio of 2-500:1; and then

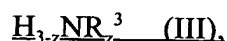
applying the prepared fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition to such materials.

41. (Amended) A method of protecting buildings and facades, comprising:

preparing a fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition, which is essentially chlorine free, by the controlled hydrolysis of at least one fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosilane of formula Ia or Ib:



in which R¹ is a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated alkyl group having 1-9 C atoms or a mono-, oligo- or perfluorinated aryl group, Y is a CH₂, O or S group, R² and R are each independently a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group and x = 0, 1 or 2 and y = 0, 1 or 2, where (x+y) ≤ 2, at a temperature in the range of 0-120°C over a period of 0.5-24 hours and with thorough mixing in an alcoholic medium which contains water and [(1) a weak mono- or polybasic acid or (2)] (1) a weak base or [(3)] (2) a weak mono- or polybasic acid and a weak base, wherein said weak base of (2) and (3) is an alkylamine of formula (III):



wherein R³ is a linear, branched or cyclic alkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or a linear, branched or cyclic aminoalkyl group having 1-8 C atoms or an aryl group, z=1, 2 or 3 and groups R³ are identical or different or [(4)] (3) an acidic or basic salt, the water and alkoxysilane employed being in a molar ratio of 2-500:1; and then

applying the prepared fluoroalkyl-functional group containing organosiloxane based composition to buildings and facades.--